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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**In the specification:**

Please insert the following paragraph:

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--This is a continuation of International Application PCT/EP98/08009, with an international filing date of December 9, 1998.--

**In the claims:**

Amend claims 4-8, 10-16, 19-21, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 30 as follows:

4. (Amended) Nucleotide sequence according to claim 1, which comprises the nucleotide fragment extending from the HS I to the HS IV Dnase I-hypersensitive sites.

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